

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-15 and 17 were pending prior to this request for reconsideration. The Examiner has indicated that claims 3-4 and 7-15 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1, 5 and 17 stand rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

No claims have been amended in this request for reconsideration. As a result, no new matter has been added. A terminal disclaimer disclaiming the life of the pending application to the term of U.S. Patent 6,821,143 has been submitted concurrently with this response.

**II. Allowable Subject Matter:**

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in the December 12, 2006, Final Office Action that at least claims 3-4 and 7-15 contain allowable subject matter.

**III. Response to Double Patenting Rejection:**

Claims 1, 5 and 17 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1,8 and 10-11 of U.S. Patent 6,821,143.

Applicants file concurrently with this response a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the term of the present application to U.S. Patent 6,821,143 to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection, as recommended in the previous Office Action.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1, 5 and 17, as well as claims 3-4 and 7-15 previously indicated by the Examiner as containing allowable subject matter, are now in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

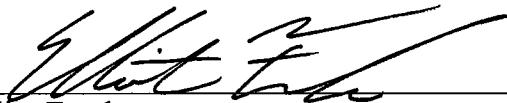
**AUTHORIZATIONS:**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for timely consideration of this Terminal Disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 -§1.20 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4841.

Respectfully submitted,  
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